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In re Application of : Reuben Matalon

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For: APARTOACYLASE GENE, PROTEIN, AND METHODS OF SCREENING FOR
MUTATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH CANAVAN DISEASE

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Other Information

Since receiving the Notice of Allowance in the above-identified application, it has come to the attention of counsel that a reference cited in related and co-pending foreign applications had not been previously provided to the examiner on an Information Disclosure Statement. This reference, Matalon et al. *J. Inher. Metab. Dis.*, 12 Suppl. 2, 329-331, 1989, was cited in the application as reference No. 9, and includes authors who are also inventors of the pending application. On Page 331, lines 5-6, it was stated that "Aspartoacylase was purified to homogeneity from human and bovine brain" and cites this work as unpublished data by co-inventors Kaul and Matalon. This statement is similar and cumulative to statements already considered by the examiner, e.g.,

- "Furthermore, aspartoacylase from human brain and cultured skin fibroblasts ... follows a similar scheme of purification." (on Page 134 of Kaul et al, *J. Neurochem.*, 56:129-135, 1991; filed in the December 18, 2001 IDS and already considered by the examiner);
- "We have now purified aspartoacylase to more than 1,100 fold enrichment from

human and bovine brain ..." (from Kaul et al. 1988 abstract in the *American Journal of Human Genetics*; cited by the examiner in the §102(b) rejection in the Office action dated July 2, 2004, and subsequently overcome by applicants.

Thus, it is believed that the enclosed Matalon reference does not raise issues that have not already been considered by the examiner.

Also enclosed are Leong et al., Hagenfeldt et al., and D'Adamo et al. which were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement provided previously to the Patent Office, but inadvertently omitted. None of these three publications disclose purified human aspartoacylase.

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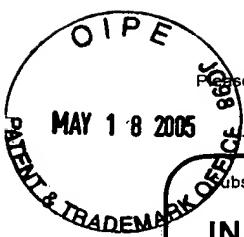
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